

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10-13, 24, 27, and 30 have been amended. Claims 9, 14, and 19 have been cancelled. Claim 2 was previously cancelled. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15-18, and 20-30 are pending and under consideration.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, at page 3, numbered paragraphs 2-4, claims 1 and 3-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forlenza (EP 0 886 204) in view of Qureshey et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0002039) and Yutaka et al. (JP 09026832).

None of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest "a controller configured to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons, within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to the respective plurality of buttons, depending on the operation mode of the electronic apparatus," as recited in claim 1. In other words, the invention of claim 1 provides for displaying definitions or meanings of the plurality within the auxiliary display *at positions that correspond to each respective button*. In this manner, the invention of claim 1 allows for more efficient use of the electronic apparatus by allowing the user to fully recognize the function of each button *in each of the different modes*. In contrast, Forlenza, as relied on by the Examiner, does not provide for displaying information about each of the function buttons on the auxiliary display *at a position corresponding to the button*. In fact, with reference to Forlenza, the bezel buttons 90 perform functions, such as controlling the playing of a CD, that are not related to the display information displayed on status display 54, which is provided with *predetermined icons* that are used to display battery charge status and other information (Forlenza, col. 3, lines 1-53; Figs. 1A, 1B, and 2). Furthermore, a majority of the bezel buttons 90 are not in proximity to the status display 54, such that the status display 54 would not be capable of displaying definitions or meanings of each button 90 *at a position corresponding to the button* (Forlenza, Figs. 1A, 1B, and 2). Qureshey et al. makes no mention of providing an auxiliary display system in which the definitions or meanings of buttons can be displayed on the auxiliary display at positions corresponding to each of the respective buttons. Yutaka et al. also makes no mention of providing an auxiliary display system in which the

definitions or meanings of buttons can be displayed on the auxiliary display at positions corresponding to each of the respective buttons.

Since none of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest “a controller configured to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons, within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to the respective plurality of buttons, depending on the operation mode of the electronic apparatus,” as recited in claim 1, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, 10-13, 24, and 27 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and include all the features of claim 1, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the references relied upon. Therefore, claims 3, 4, 10-13, 24, and 27 patentably distinguish over the references relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

None of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest “a controller configured to display status information in the auxiliary display section, and to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to each of the plurality of buttons depending on the operation mode of the electronic apparatus,” as recited in claim 5. Therefore, claim 5 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 15-18, 25, and 28 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 5 and include all the features of claim 5, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the references relied upon. Therefore, claims 6, 15-18, 25, and 28 patentably distinguish over the references relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

None of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest “a control procedure controlling the computer to display the status information in the auxiliary display section, and to display definitions or meanings of the plurality of buttons within the auxiliary display section at positions corresponding to each of the plurality of buttons depending on the operation mode of the electronic apparatus,” as recited in claim 7. Therefore, claim 7 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 20-23, 26, and 29 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 7 and include all the features of claim 7, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the references relied upon. Therefore, claims 8, 20-23, 26, and 29 patentably distinguish over the references relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

None of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest "a controller configured to display definitions or meanings of a plurality of application buttons within the auxiliary display section, at positions corresponding to each of the application buttons, depending on an operation mode of the electronic apparatus," as recited in claim 30. Therefore, claim 30 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15-18, and 20-30 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

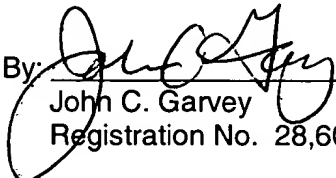
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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